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in blood

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 25, 2006.

The Examiner has restricted the claims into two groups, Group I, Claims 1-33 and 48 and Group II, Claims 34-47. As previously agreed with the Examiner, Applicant has amended the claims and **redirected the invention to a single gene** selected from the genes noted in **Table 30** directed to methods of diagnosing **osteoarthritis**. Applicant believes that the amended claims are directed to a single invention and as such comply with the essence of the restriction requirement. Applicant has elected the gene desmuslin (DMN) without traverse.

A five month Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this response to restriction requirement and Amendment. Please charge any necessary fees required in connection with the paper transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, Reference No.: 204231/2055I. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the “Listing of the Claims” which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper. Applicant respectfully request the **title** of the application be amended to “Method for the Detection of Osteoarthritis Related Gene Transcripts in Blood” to more accurately reflect the scope of the elected invention.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.